

HEARTLAND INN & RETREAT CENTRE

by Shawna Ofstie

January 21 marked the Grand Opening of the Heartland Inn & Retreat Centre. Guests were treated to a tour, a few speeches and delicious lunch with homemade cupcakes.

The Heartland Inn is not a new name. For local residents, many of us remember when it was our local bed & breakfast. This little bit of heaven was originally designed and built in 2003 by Carole & the late Roland Scheetz.

In March of 2023 Giselle Messer decided to take on a new adventure and purchased this beautiful property near Thorsby. Many of the spaces will be remembered by those who knew it from the past. Now with a few renovations and new ideas this sought after get away is back to life once again. The Heartland Inn & Retreat

Centre is an amazing place to stay with lots of space indoors & outdoors, theme rooms, sitting areas, a commercial kitchen and more. Giselle hoped to make a safe, peaceful place where people can get away and she has done a great job so far.

The Heartland Inn & Retreat Centre is located at 1529 Highway 622, Leduc County. If you want to learn more or book your stay or retreat, contact Giselle Messer at 780-721-3445.



From Left to Right: Leduc County Mayor -Tanni Doblanko, Owner - Giselle Messer, "The Chamber" Representative for Start Up Leduc Wetaskiwin Regions - Amber Cook



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Leduc County provides support and services to families with children under the age of 18. Whether you're looking for information or support to enhance your family's well-being and resiliency, Leduc County has a service for you.

The Family Resource Network (FRN) program focuses on child development, caregiver capacity and social connections.

We've updated our webpage to help caregivers better find the resources they're looking for.

Visit www.leduc-county.com/frn to read more and to reach out for support and services for you and your family.





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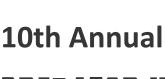
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Sudoku Answers from January 17 Issue

The object of the puzzle is to fill the remaining squares, using all the numbers 1–9 exactly once in each row, column, and the nine 3×3 subgrids.



TFGA PREDATOR HU

10th Annual Predator Hunt on Saturday,

February 8, 20



Registration 6:00 - 7:00am at Warburg Legion Hall Check-out Time is 5:30pm (No late check-ins, no exceptions.) 67

PRIZES 1st place winners, 2nd place team, 3rd place team. Heaviest coyote competition.

Cost is \$200 for a 2 person team plus a youth under the age of 16. Chili supper day of Hunt. Includes two tickets to the TFGA 57th Annual Banquet in April 5/2025 at Warburg Hall.

Participants must be a TFGA member. Memberships are attainable with registration (\$45 per person or \$60/family.)

All prizes awarded at the Annual Banquet. Teams must be present to claim prizes.

All participants are responsible for getting their own permission to hunt on **PRIVATE**

LAND. Do not delay in registering, space

is limited!!! For more information please contact: Brent Lee (780) 898-5013 or Bruce (780) 621-2200



GRASS CUTTER WANTED All Season

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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS (Breton, Thorsby, Warburg & Surrounding Areas)

January 24 - Music, Bible & Pizza on alternating Fridays at the Breton Youth Center. Grades 6-12 from 4:15 - 6:15pm. NOTE NEW TIME

January 24 - Ventriloquist Michael Harrison at Eleanor Pickup Arts Centre in Drayton Valley at 7:30pm. Tickets available at Ticketpro 1-888-655-9090

January 24 - Family Dodgeball Night at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. Kids vs. Parents from 5-7:30pm. Free. Family. Drop in.

January 25 - Newfoundland Kitchen Party at the Warburg Legion at 6pm. \$30 per ticket (pre-sale). For tickets contact Deb at 780-848-2923

January 27 - All things Ag - Rural Theft Prevention at the Breton Community Centre, 7:30-9pm, hosted by the Breton Ag Society. Everyone welcome. Questions? 780-542-0745

January 29 - Thorsby Seniors Meeting. Potluck lunch at 12pm and meeting starts at 1pm

February 2 - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

February 5 - Managing Menopause class at the Warburg Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic from 6-8pm. Register with Warburg FCSS at 780-848-2828 or email <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>February 6</u> - Slime Winter Workshop PD Day Camp at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex 10am - 2pm, ages 7+, Registration Required

February 8 - 10th Annual Predator Hunt. Registration 6-7am at the Warburg Legion. Check out 5:30pm. Chili Dinner. \$200 per 2 man team plus youth under 16. Participants must be TFGAMembers.

February 8 - Winter Try It Festival at Wizard Lake day-use area from 11am - 3pm. Free Admission to try a variety of winter sports. More information at <u>leduc-county.com/recreation</u>

<u>February 9</u> - **Pancake Breakfast** at Warburg Legion. Call 780-848-2923 for more info.

<u>February 12</u> - Valentine's Day Origami at Thorsby Arctic Spas Complex from 3-4:30pm. Hosted by Miss Rachel in the lobby. Free Drop in.

<u>February 15</u> - Comedy Night with the Pepper & Dylan Show's Rob Pepper hosted by the Warburg playschool. Get your tickets at <u>www.funnyfundraising.ca</u>

February 17 - Family Day Pancake Breakfast at the Thorsby Community Centre from 9am - noon. \$8/plate, 5 & under free.

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February 17 - Family Day Activities - more info to come

February 18 - **Together We Play**, 5-7pm at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. Come together to celebrate the joy of family with this free Family Day event. Registration required.

February 22 - Pigeon Lake Poker Rally at Ma Me O Beach starting at 10am. Pre Event Friday 21. Fun for the whole family. Contact westof5thpokerrun@gmail.com for more info.

February 22 - Community Gym Night in the Warburg High School Gym from 5:30pm-8:30pm. Volleyball, floor hockey and other games. Open to everyone. Free. All ages welcome.

February 22 - Raise the Roof Comedy Night at Wilton Park Hall featuring Krissy Stark & Weird Grampa. Cocktails @ 5:30pm, Dinner @ 6:30pm and Show @ 8pm. \$60/ticket text 780-777-8642 for tickets.

<u>February 23</u> - Canadian Country Music Legends at the Thorsby Community Centre hosted by Thorsby Playschool. Advance Tickets \$30 at the Rec Complex, Thorsby Hotel or call Brodi at 780-721-4296 or \$40 at the door.

February 28 - Paint Night with MaryAnn at the Warburg Legion. Call 780-848-2923 for more info.

<u>March 2</u> - Dance to No Hitchiker Band at Winfield Community Centre from 1-4pm. Admission by donation. Lunch contribution appreciated. Everyone Welcome.

<u>March 15</u> - Ice Golf Tournament at Mulhurst Bay from 10:30am - 4pm with dinner and dance to follow. Go to www.icegolf.ca for more information. Registration Required.

Our FREE Community Connections booklet is available for pick up or go online to <u>www.community39.com</u>

Thorsby Seniors Crib Results!

January 13 Crib scores:

1st Place: Marvin Wagar9642nd Place: Phyllis Yawney9553rd Place: Rod Blair951High Hand of 20: Eugene Senio

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL WINNERS!

<u>Next crib event:</u> Monday, January 27 at 1:00 pm Thorsby Seniors Center / *Please note Admission change to \$7.00



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- Copy of driver's abstract
- Copy of criminal record check
- Three letters of reference (two related to school experience, one must be a character reference from your pastor or person familiar with your spiritual walk)



PROGRAMS & REGULAR EVENTS (Thorsby,Warburg&Surrounding Areas)

**Please note - all events are subject to change. Please email us at <u>media@community39.com</u> or call 780-434-7446 if we have incorrect information.

MONDAYS

Bus To Drayton Valley (Aquasize or Walmart) Must preregister. Contact Warburg FCSS 780-848-2828

<u>Crib</u> at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Monday at 1:00pm <u>Community Skate</u> every Monday from 3:45 - 5:15pm at the Warburg Arena

Lego Club at the Thorsby Recreation Centre from 3 - 4:30pm.

Mom Group (Warburg) on Monday mornings from 9:30am - 11am in the Village of Warburg office basement.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) - Mondays at 9am, Thorsby Seniors Centre. Jane 780-789-3789 or Cheryl 780-848-7673

TUESDAYS

<u>Music Jam Session</u> on 4th Tuesday of the month at the Calmar Seniors Centre 1-4pm. 4916-50 Ave

Pickle Ball every Tuesday at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am

Quilting at the Warburg Seniors Centre on Tuesdays from 9:30am-2pm. Contact Nancy 780-848-7756

<u>Seniors Bowling</u> - Tuesdays at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex at 1pm (5)

<u>Sturling Night</u> on Tuesdays at 6:30pm at the Warburg Curling Club. Contact Hugh 780-898-8651

<u>Volleyball</u> (18+) drop in at Warburg High School Gym on Tuesdays from 7 - 9pm (\$2). Contact <u>fcss@warburg.ca</u>

<u>Hero Kids</u> - Every 2nd Tuesday at Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex.

Pickup Basketball (16+) on Tuesday Evening at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex. (\$5)

WEDNESDAYS

Busy Brushes on Wednesdays from 10 - 2pm at the Warburg Cultural Center. \$5/class. Call Linda 587-590-0378.

<u>Open Gym Nights</u> at the Thorsby Recreation Centre every second Wednesday from 5 - 6:30pm

<u>Cards</u> at the Warburg Seniors Centre at 1pm every Wednesday (\$2)

English Language Conversation Circle every Wednesday at 6pm at the Thorsby Municipal Library.

<u>Junior Curling</u> - Wednesdays at the Warburg Curling Club. Contact Hugh 780-898-8651

<u>**Pickleball</u>** - Every Wednesday from 7 - 9pm at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex</u>

<u>Shinny</u> at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 - 5pm.

Shinny at the Warburg Arena Wednesdays from 3:45-5:15pm.

Soup & Sandwiches at the Thorsby Seniors Centre starting at 11:30am on the 2nd Wednesday of the mth except December.

<u>Soup & Sandwiches</u> at the Warburg Seniors Centre every 3rd Wednesday at 12pm except July & August(\$10) Tai Chi at the Warburg Community Hall, Wednesdays 10am to 11am, \$2. 780-848-2841 or office@warburg.ca

Warburg Treasure's Thrift Shop is Open Wednesdays from 10am - 4pm at the Warburg Community United Church.

THURSDAYS

<u>Bingo</u> at the Thorsby Seniors Centre every Thursday at 7pm. <u>Floor Curling</u> at the Warburg Pioneer Centre at 1pm on Thursdays (\$2).

<u>Mens Curling</u> every Thursday at 10am at the Warburg Curling Rink. Contact Hugh 780-898-8651

<u>Pickleball</u> at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Rec Complex from 9:30am - 11:30am

 $\underline{\textbf{Pickleball}}$ drop in at the Warburg High School Gym from 7-9pm \$2

Public Skating at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex on Thursdays from 3:30 - 4:45pm.

<u>Sandholm Square Dance Club</u> - on Thursdays 7 - 9:30pm at the Sandholm Hall. Contact 780-238-5844 or 780-389-2381.

<u>Sew Heavenly Quilters</u> meet at 10am on Thursdays at the Warburg Cultural Centre.

Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

FRIDAYS

<u>Coffee in the Valley</u> at Telfordville Community Centre on the first and third Friday of each month from 9 - 11am. No charge.

<u>Community Socials</u> are held the last Friday of each month at the Mulhurst Legion #246 at 7pm.

<u>Fun with Friends Story time</u> at the Thorsby Municipal Library every Friday from 10:30am - 11:30am.

<u>Music Jam Sessions</u> at the Warburg Seniors Drop in Centre the 2nd Friday of the month 1-4pm. All are welcome.

Shinny at the Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex on Wednesdays and Fridays from 3:30 - 5pm.

<u>Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store</u> - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

<u>Warburg Legion</u> - Open Fridays from 5-10pm. Pub Night on the 3rd Friday of the month. Call Max 780-263-0350 for info.

SATURDAYS

Farmer's Market at the Mulhurst Bay Community Hall every Saturday 11-3pm. Contact Carol 587-920-2065. No Market in January, back February 8, 2025.

Pie & Coffee from 1pm - 4pm at the Warburg Museum on the first & third Saturday of every month. Or arrange a tour through Susie 780-848-2507 or Joan 780-621-7174

Thorsby Music Jam - on the 3rd Saturday of the month at the Thorsby Community Hall from 1-4pm. Everyone Welcome. Call 780-789-2180 for more details.

<u>Thorsby Seniors Thrift Store</u> - Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am-3pm. 780-996-5131.

SUNDAYS

<u>**Gospel Music Jam**</u> at New Life Christian Fellowship on the 1st Sunday of the month from 2 - 4pm. Call 780-789-4171

Pancake Breakfast by the Thorsby Lions Club the first Sunday of the month at the Senior's Centre 9am - 12pm.

OTHER STUFF FOR KIDS

<u>Warburg Playschool</u> - Year Round Registration for 3 & 4 year olds. Tuesday & Thursday at Warburg School. Contact <u>danielletessier05@gmail.com or 780-863-8620</u>

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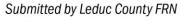
Alberta needs a stable supply of reliable and clean power generation to meet growing demand. **Nuclear energy could be part of the solution.**

Join us at our upcoming community open house to learn more and share your feedback.

February 4, 2025, 12:00pm – 6:00pm February 5, 2025, 10:00am – 3:00pm Genesee Community Hall 51020 Range Rd 30, Sunnybrook, AB TOC 2M0



Connect with us!





Provincial Family Resource Networks

CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Join Leduc County and partners for the 3rd annual Youth Wellness Symposium on Feb. 6!

This is a great opportunity for grades 7 to 12 to come together with youth from other communities and have some fun with friends and friends to be.

The afternoon will start off with a keynote speaker - Kylie Sutter who will do a presentation around mental health.

Then there will be breakout sessions, including:

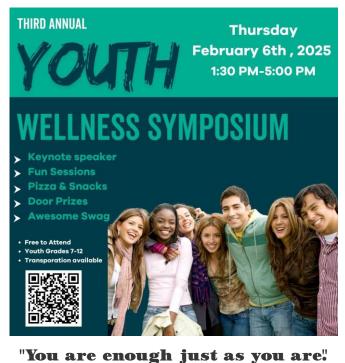
- · Nature & Wellness Nature walk
- · Working Together Minute-to-win-it games
- Creative Expression Art piece

Pizza, door prizes, swag and resources will also be part of this amazing day planned!

Register today to get in on the fun.

Transportation is available from Warburg, Thorsby and Calmar, if needed.

Email <u>youthcoordinator@bgcleduc.ca</u> for any questions or for more information.



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Monday Mornings: Mom and Tots, 9:30 am in the Village Office/ Library Basement, then everyone is welcome to visit the Library for more play time and browse books for the Kidlets and Moms.

Free tax filing is available thru FCSS Warburg, talk to Katlynn about what you need to do to sign up for this free service. When you file your taxes every year, you find out what rebates you are eligible for, eg. \$10/ month wifi.

Need help with a device, Staff can help, we are not experts in the confusing world of devices or online, we are willing to learn and know who to call for extra help, Yellowhead Regional Library's Techs.

There are two computer screens at the Library and are free to anyone to pick up. One small and one large, flat screens.

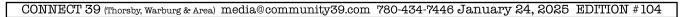


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- **Date:** Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025
- ▶ **Time:** 6 to 8 p.m.
- Location: Warburg Village office basement (5212 50 Ave. Warburg, AB.)
 * use rear door
- Spaces available: maximum of six family groups

Register: contact Kristin at 780-955-6421 or kristin@leduc-county.com or register online at www.leduc-county.com/ home-alone

*Children must be a minimum of nine years old and a parent or caregiver must be in attendance.





Hello.... Did you all survive the cold weather? It certainly was a cold chill. Just to update all!

The Newfoundland Kitchen Party featuring an **Authentic Jig's Dinner Jan 25, at 6pm** - We answered all the questions, and our executive has agreed to sell tickets at the door. Come out for an evening of good food, fun, 50/50 and door prizes and practice your jig!

Hall rentals - please call Dorothy at 780-691-3833

It's the middle of the month but we are moving on into February!

Feb 9 - It's Pancake Breakfast with Max and his team.

Feb12 - Meeting will be cancelled, the executive have another meeting this month and one is all good.

Feb 7 - Pub night - starting the party.,

Feb14 - It's a Heart Special!

Feb21 - Dance & fun night with DJ Carrie Levins featuring meat draws and dinner.

Feb 28 - Paint Night with MaryAnn

Watch for further advertising on all!

Fun Fact: Largest snowflake on record was 15 inches wide reportedly found in Montana in 1887.

Weird fact: Wood frogs literally freeze and thaw with the seasons! Yep they are nature's popsicle...just don't lick them.

Helping others – If you see a senior struggling with bags or walking in cold weather lend them a hand....so appreciated.



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Thorsby Arctic Spas Recreation Complex NEWS

Arctic Spas Recreation Complex welcomes the new year with new programs for families to participate in locally. Our recreation team invites you to enjoy yourself at our facility.

Specialty programs:

- PD Day Thursday, February 6th Slime Winter Workshop, 10am-2pm. \$15, ages 7+. Registration required.
- Wednesday, February 12th Valentines Day Origami, 3-4:30pm. Hosted by Miss Rachel in the complex lobby. Free. Drop in.
- Tuesday, February 18th Together We Play, 5-7pm. Come together to celebrate the joy of family with this free Family Day event. Strengthen bonds through bowling, creative play, and a hot chocolate social in the Family Resource Center. Registration required.

Weekly run programs:

Mondays after school LEGO Club, 3-4:30pm. Love playing with those legendary polystyrene pieces? Me too man! Join the club and click together a masterpiece. LEGO creations are displayed weekly in the complex lobby. Free. Drop in. After school.

Every second Tuesday is Hero Kids. Action packed tabletop play, where every game is a new adventure. Explore the lands of Brekenvale, battle the beasts, and save the day. Free. Drop in. After school.

Tuesday evening is Pickup Basketball in the fieldhouse. Open to all aged 16+. Cost is \$5/player. Spectators are encouraged to come with their children and enjoy the game from the upper viewing area. Children are welcome to play in the dance studio. Play equipment will be provided for kiddos, chairs and chat will be provided



for mothers and caregivers during game time.

A reminder to all kiddos, and adults to please play respectfully within the facility. The racquetball court was closed over the Christmas break due to ceiling tiles being knocked out and equipment being used for destructive play. A thank you to Blair Hennes for volunteering his time and equipment to repair the unnecessary damage.

For more programing information please visit our website at <u>thorsby.ca/recreation</u>. Or drop in and speak with a team member at 4901-48ave Thorsby, AB.

ENGAGE. ENJOY. PLAY.

Together we play



Come together to celebrate the joy of family and strengthen bonds through bowling, creative play and shared experiences. Families with children 0 to 18 years are velcome to register for a half an hour bowling session and then head over to the Family Resource Centre for games and a hot chocolate social

- ▶ Date: Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2025
- Time: 5 to 7 p.m.
- Location: 4908 48 Street, Thorsby, AB. (FRN drop-in centre)
- ► Registration: Reach out to Samantha at sdumont@thorsby.ca
- or visit www.leduc-county.com/together-we-play *There is limited capacity for this event, so register today!





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Join us at the Wizard Lake day-use area and try a variety of winter sports and activities, including: ice skating, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, curling, broom ball, ice fishing, maple taffy on snow, sleigh rides, face painting, bonfire, door prizes and live music!

For more information, visit: www.leduc-county.com/recreation or email us at

RecPrograms@leduc-county.com





Located Rural Warburg

ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES – PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

AHS News, January 17, 2025

Resources to help quit smoking and vaping

EDMONTON – National Non-Smoking Week runs Jan.19-25, a time to raise awareness of the benefits of quitting smoking and vaping, and to help people get started on a quit journey that works for them.

Resources are available to help those living in Alberta to quit smoking and vaping for good. With the right support, you can double or even triple your chance of staying vape or smoke-free, and improve your health. Within 20 minutes of putting out your last cigarette, your blood pressure and heart rate go down with less stress on your heart and blood vessels.

Alberta Health Services offers programs and services to help you stop smoking and vaping. It may take more than one try to quit for good, so it's important to never give up. Keep trying and use the resources that work for you:

- Call the AlbertaQuits helpline at 1-866-710-QUIT (7848) for free, confidential advice and support from a quit counsellor.
- Go to <u>AlbertaQuits.ca</u> for guidance and tools to build a quit plan.
- Text the word "ABQuits" to the number 123456 for free text messages to keep you motivated.
- Register for QuitCore, a group support program that teaches quit strategies and connects people who are trying to quit smoking and vaping. Call the AlbertaQuits helpline at 1-866-710-QUIT (7848) to find a QuitCore group in your local area or online.
- Ask your doctor or healthcare provider about medications that can boost your chances of staying quit. Some costs may be covered.
- Share your quit tips, hacks, and stories on social media with others using the hashtag #lamQuitting.

To learn more about support for quitting smoking or vaping, go to <u>AlbertaQuits.ca</u>. For more information on smoking, vaping, and your health, go to <u>myhealth.alberta.ca/HealthTopics/Tobacco-Smoking-Vaping</u>.

Alberta Health Services provides a range of healthcare services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Our mission is to provide excellent, patient-focused healthcare that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans. Our current focus is on reducing emergency department wait times, improving EMS response times, increasing access to surgeries, and improving patient flow.





Our meetings are designed to encourage weight loss, maintenance, to educate and to provide support. New members are welcome to attend a meeting with no obligation. Meetings are held at the Thorsby Senior's Centre on Monday mornings with weigh in from 8:45am to 9:15am and the meeting following from 9:15am to 9:45am. There is an annual fee to TOPS International and a monthly fee to the Thorsby Chapter #1694 of \$5. The first month chapter fees are free. Phone Jane at 780-789-3789 or Cheryl at 780-848-7673 for more info.

PUNNY NEW YEAR

Hope you get a few laughs from this stuff!

Make tonight's dinner an event! Your table can be a thing of beauty, helping you slow down and really appreciate what you're eating this evening.

- 1. What noise does a 747 make when it bounces Boeing, Boeing, Boeing.
- 2. I tried to come up with a carpentry pun that woodwork, I think I mailed it but nobody saw it.
- 3. What's the difference between ignorance and indifference? I don't know and I don't care.
- 4. My wife called me to tell me she saw a fox on the way to work. I asked her how she knew it was on its way to work. She hung up on me.
- 5. I once dated a girl with a lazy eye. I always thought she was seeing someone on the side.
- 6. I accidentally passed my wife a glue stick instead of a chap stick. She's still not talking to me.
- 7. A friend said she didn't understand cloning, I told her that makes two of us.
- 8. There was a big paddle sale at the Boat Store. It was quite an oar deal.
- 9. What do you call a bullet proof Irishman—Rick O'Shea
- 10. A lumberjack went into a magic forest to cut a tree. Upon arrival he started to swing at the tree when it shouted, "Wait! I'm a talking tree!" The lumber jack grinned and said: "And you will dialogue."
- 11. I am reading a book about anti-gravity. It's impossible to put down!
- 12. My friend went bald years ago but still carries around an old comb with him. He just can't part with it.
- 13. Yesterday I saw an ad that said "Radio for sale, \$1.

Volume stuck on full. I thought, I can't turn that down.

- 14. A slice of apple pie in Jamaica is \$2.00. It is \$2.50 in the Bahamas; these are the pie rates of the Caribbean.
- 15. What do you call a magician who has just lost his magic? lan.
- 16. I asked my friend to spell wonton backwards. He said not now.
- 17. The invention of the shovel was a groundbreaking discovery, but the invention of the broom was the one that truly swept the nation.
- 18. I didn't think orthopedic shoes would help, But I stand corrected.
- 19. What do you call a melon that's not allowed to get married? Cantelope.
- 20. Thief steals the wheels of a police car! Cops work tirelessly to nab suspects.
- 21. What do you call a belt made from one hundreddollar bills? A waist of money.
- 22. Have you ever tried eating a clock? It's really time consuming especially if you go for seconds.

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UPDATE ON POTENTIAL U.S. TARIFFS

Alberta News, January 20, 2025

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith issued the following statement, welcoming the U.S. tariff reprieve and calling for strategic action:

"Alberta is pleased to see that today President Donald Trump has decided to refrain from imposing tariffs on Canadian goods at this time as they study the issue further.

"We appreciate the implied acknowledgement that this is a complex and delicate issue with serious implications for American and Canadian workers, businesses and consumers given the integration of our markets, along with our critical energy and security partnership.

"Avoiding tariffs will save hundreds of thousands of Canadian and American jobs across every sector. As an example, declining to impose U.S. tariffs on Canadian energy preserves the viability of dozens of U.S. refineries and facilities that upgrade Alberta crude, and the jobs of tens of thousands of Americans employed at them.

"Despite the promising news today, the threat of U.S. tariffs is still very real. As a country, we need to immediately take the following steps to preserve and strengthen our economic and security partnership with the United States, and to avoid the future imposition of tariffs:

- 1. Focus on diplomacy and refrain from further talk of retaliatory measures, including export tariffs or cutting off energy to the U.S. Having spoken with the President, as well as dozens of governors, senators, members of congress and allies of the incoming administration, I am convinced that the path to a positive resolution with our U.S. allies is strong and consistent diplomacy and working in good faith towards shared priorities. The worst possible response to today's news would be the federal government or premiers declaring "victory" or escalating tensions with unnecessary threats against the United States.
- 2. Negotiate ways to increase what Canadians and Americans buy from one another. As an example, the United States should look at purchasing more oil, timber and agricultural products from Canada, while Canada should look at purchasing more American gas turbines, military equipment and the computer hardware needed to build our growing Al data centre sector. Finding ways to increase trade in both directions is critical to achieving a win-win

for both countries.

- 3. Double down on border security. Within the next month, all border provinces should either by themselves, or in partnership with the federal government, deploy the necessary resources to secure our shared border from illegal drugs and migration.
- 4. Announce a major acceleration of Canada's 2 per cent of GDP NATO target. This is clearly a shared priority that benefits both of our nations. There is no excuse for further delay.
- 5. Crack down on immigration streams and loopholes that are known to permit individuals hostile to Canada and the United States to enter our country, and restore immigration levels and rules to those under former Prime

Minister Stephen Harper.

6. Immediately repeal all federal anti-energy policies (production cap, Clean Electricity Regulations, Impact Assessment Act [Bill C-69]) and fast track Northern Gateway and Energy East projects preapprovals."





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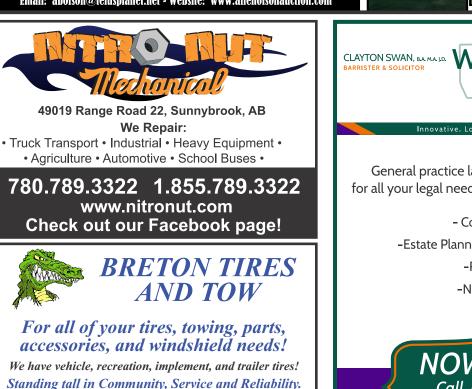
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HELPING SENIORS EXPLORE ALBERTA'S HIDDEN GEMS

Alberta News, January 17, 2025

Alberta's government is delivering on its promise to introduce a camping fee discount for seniors.

Alberta's government is making it easier than ever for seniors to explore and enjoy the stunning landscapes that provincial parks have to offer. Starting May 1, Alberta seniors aged 65 and older will enjoy a 25 per cent discount on camping fees at select campgrounds, opening the door to more high-quality and low-cost outdoor adventures and opportunities to foster a deeper connection with nature.

"We live in the most beautiful place on earth, and initiatives like these will make it easier than ever for Albertans, especially seniors, to explore and enjoy the breathtaking landscapes Alberta has to offer. By making our parks more accessible and affordable, we are enhancing quality of life for seniors, promoting their health and well-being, and helping them discover the hidden gems of our province." Todd Loewen, Minister of Forestry and Parks

"This new discount ensures that seniors can more easily discover the parks that make Alberta so extraordinary. By reducing costs and improving access, we're empowering seniors to connect with nature and explore the diverse beauty of our province." Dale Nally, Minister of Service Alberta and Red Tape Reduction

"I'm pleased to see our government continue to follow through on our promise to introduce a seniors discount. This will make it easier for seniors to enjoy Alberta's beautiful landscapes." Jason Nixon, Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services

The discount will be available at 142 front-country campgrounds across Alberta, including about 6,400 campsites for individual, equestrian, and walk-in tenting, along with other popular camping experiences. Seniors will have access to these sites that offer stunning, quieter

experiences in less-crowded settings, allowing them to explore new areas without the pressure of fully booked campsites. Other types of camping such as group, comfort,



seasonal and backcountry are not eligible for the discount.

"Seniors appreciate every opportunity to enjoy and recreate in parks more affordably. By providing these discounts on select campsites more seniors can take advantage of hidden gem campgrounds across Alberta, promoting their health and well-being." Larry Mathieson, president and CEO, Unison

"For seniors who own RVs this discount will be a great way to access less popular campgrounds more affordably. Senior RV owners can now easily find the perfect spot to camp and explore more of what Alberta parks have to offer, whether they are out camping, hiking or exploring the road." Gerry Haracsi, executive vicepresident, Recreation Vehicle Dealers Association Alberta

A list of campgrounds offering the discount is available at <u>albertaparks.ca</u>. Seniors can take advantage of this discount by booking through <u>shop.albertaparks.ca</u>, by phone or at first-come, first-served campgrounds. Bookings for May 1 arrivals will open on January 31.

Quick facts

- Seniors can access the discount online at <u>shop.albertaparks.ca</u>, by phone or through self-registration at applicable first-come, first-served campgrounds.
- To receive the discount, eligible seniors must be the camping permit holder, have valid identification and be part of the camping party for the entire stay.
- Alberta's government is responsible for about 14,000 campsites across the province within the Alberta Parks system, 9,000 of which can be reserved and 5,000 that are first-come, first-served.
- Around 6,400 campsites and 142 front country campgrounds will be eligible for the seniors discount.
- In 2024, there were more than 228,000 camping reservations in Alberta Parks.
- Seniors purchase about 16 per cent of reservable camping nights in the system.







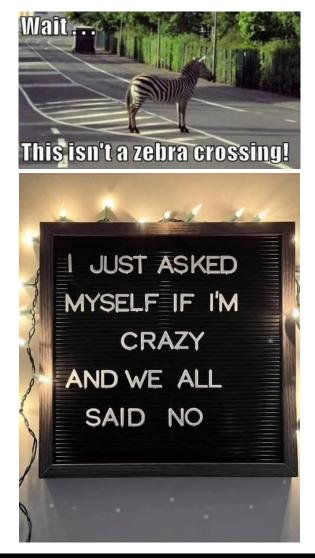
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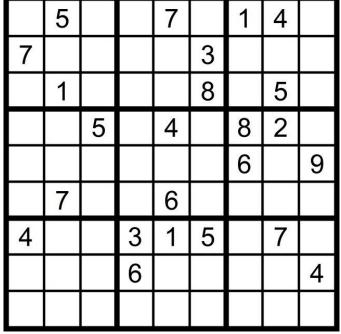
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When you forget you have a cut on your finger and grab a lemon







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